

SELECTION OF JURORS

47.01: *Jury Selection Plan.* A copy of the Jury Selection Plan may be obtained from the Clerk of Court.

47.02: *Use of Juror Questionnaires.* The Court may require potential jurors to respond to written questionnaires and may make the responses available to counsel or parties with cases on the relevant trial roster seven (7) working days prior to jury selection. Counsel or any other persons obtaining juror questionnaire responses must ensure that the information contained therein is utilized solely for the purpose of evaluating potential jurors for a pending case and is not disseminated for any other purpose. The Clerk of Court shall institute procedures to draw these requirements and responsibilities to the attention of persons obtaining the questionnaire responses by completing the Juror Questionnaire/List Request Form. Any person desiring to obtain the information for any other purpose must petition the Court so that an appropriate hearing can be conducted.

47.03: *Jury Lists.* Within seven (7) working days of the date the jury is scheduled to appear, the Clerk of Court may furnish a copy of the list to counsel or parties with cases on the relevant trial roster with an approved Juror Questionnaire/List Request Form. The list shall set out the name, city of residence, sex, race, and year of birth of each juror. The jurors and their families shall not be contacted either directly or indirectly by counsel or counsel's agents. For purposes of this Local Civil Rule, "families" shall include natural, adopted and stepchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, and spouses. If it is deemed necessary, the Court may order the jury list sealed. In such cases, the jury list shall be given out only by order of the Court.

47.04: *Examination of Jurors.* The Court shall conduct the examination of prospective jurors. If the voir dire questions are not timely submitted with the pretrial brief, counsel shall have waived the right to submit voir dire questions. *See* Local Civil Rule 26.05(O) (pretrial brief requirements). Requests for voir dire should not repeat questions covered by any juror questionnaire used for the relevant term of court. *See* Local Civil Rule 47.02.

47.05: *Contact with Trial Jurors.*

- (A) Under no condition shall an attorney or party litigant personally or through any person acting for such attorney or party litigant ask questions of or make comments to a member of that jury or the members of the family (for definition of family members, *see* Local Civil Rule 47.03, *supra*) of such a juror until after

such juror has been permanently dismissed from jury service and has left the Courthouse premises.¹⁹

- (B) Attorneys or party litigants who choose to contact a juror after such juror has been permanently dismissed and has left the Courthouse premises, do so at their own peril. Under no circumstances shall an attorney, party litigant, or any person acting therefor, ask questions of or make comments to a member of that jury that are calculated to harass or embarrass a juror or to influence the juror's actions in future jury service.

47.06: *Responsibilities of United States Marshal.* The United States Marshal shall be responsible for preserving the integrity of all juries.

¹⁹ A juror is not dismissed from jury service until all cases for which the juror has been selected for the term are concluded.